

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide ~~comprising~~ consisting of the nucleotide sequence of ~~nucleotides~~ as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

8. (Previously presented) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding a polypeptide as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and a transcription terminator.

9. (Original) A cultured cell comprising the expression vector of claim 8.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein, said protein comprising a secretory peptide from residue 1 to residue 21 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the protein is secreted.

13. (Currently amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding the fusion protein ~~according to~~ of claim 12; and a transcription terminator.

14. (Original) A cultured cell comprising the expression vector of claim 13, wherein the cell expresses the DNA segment and produces the encoded fusion protein.

15.-19. (Canceled)